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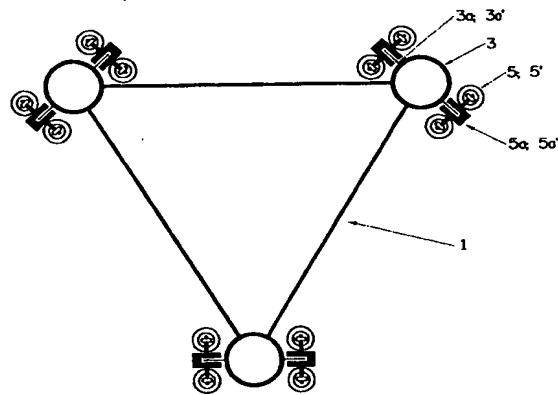
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for operating a maritime unit (1), said maritime unit comprising a frame structure (2), which is provided with at least power production and/or drive assemblies for the maritime unit, and at least three legs (3) operated by a jack mechanism (5), on the one hand for steadyng the maritime unit (1) on the seabed by driving the legs (3) from a standby position, as required by the maritime unit's shipping condition, downwards in a direction substantially vertical with respect to the frame structure (2) and, on the other hand, for releasing the same from the seabed by driving the legs (3) upward relative to the frame structure. The maritime unit (1) has at least its legs (3) upward relative to the frame structure. The maritime unit (1) has at least its legs (3) operated on a so-called disk brake principle for enabling a substantially stepless drive therefor, particularly regarding the manipulation and locking thereof, whereby the maritime unit has each of its legs (3) provided with a brake disk system (3a), such as one or more brake flanges (3a') or the like, extending longitudinally of the leg and, on the other hand, the maritime unit has its frame structure (2) provided with a brake system (5a), such as one or more brake shoe elements (5a') or the like, operable in a vertical direction by means of a jack mechanism (5). The invention relates also to a maritime unit operating in accordance with the method.